III. *Part of a Letter from Mr.* Butterfield *from* Paris, Sept. 7. 1698. *to Dr.* Martin Liſter, *Fellow of the Colledge of Phyſicians and R. S. concerning Magnetical Sand.*

I Send you a little of that *Black Sand* which in *Italy* they uſe inſtead of Duſt to their Letters; it is found Six Miles from *Genes* near St. *Piere d'araine* on the Sea-Shoar. It hath the Properties of the Loadſtone, and I do believe that it is Loadſtone or Powder of Loadſtone, for it followeth the Loadſtone; it ſticketh to a Knife that is touched with the Loadſtone; it draweth a Magnetick Needle; it doth not ferment with *Aqua Fortis*, as Iron Duſt doth; it doth not ruſt with any Acide that can be put to it; it doth not ſparkle in the Flame of a Candle, as Steel-duſt doth when it is thrown into the ſaid Flame. It is commonly found on the Sea-Shoar after great Storms.

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